

The Hongkong Telegraph.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.
Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwun Hol Chuen, Esq.
H. Stoltefoht, Esq.
Chief Manager.
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.
Branches.—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS.—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Part's Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 3 per Cent.
6 " 4 "
3 " 3 "
CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 "
Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [185]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP £1,251,093.15.0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Wm. Kewick, Esq.—Chairman.
Adolf von André, Esq. F. D. Sasecon, Esq.
Egbert Iveson, Esq. H. D. Stewart, Esq.
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:
The Hon. J. J. Kewick | The Hon. C. P. Chater.
H. Hopkins, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and Shanghai.
Agencies—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
on application.
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [187]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,185,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

Intimations.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, (IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE.
THE LIQUIDATION of this BANK will
in future be CONDUCTED BY THE
CHARTER'D BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

By Order of the Liquidator,
E. W. RUTTER,
Attorney for the Liquidator.
Hongkong, 7th October, 1893. [193]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with Article No. 18 of the Articles of Association of THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, the Directors have passed a Resolution making a CALL of ONE POUND per Share on the Ordinary Shares of the Bank, such Call to become PAYABLE as follows:—

Five Shillings on the 1st November, 1893.
Five Shillings on the 1st February, 1894.

Five Shillings on the 2nd April, 1894.

Five Shillings on the 1st June, 1894.

The several Instalments of the above Call Due on Shares on the Hongkong Register are Payable as above at the Office of the Bank, No. 4, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, in local currency equivalent.

Interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum will be allowed on all Instalments paid in advance of due date.

If the Sums Payable in respect of any of the above Instalments be not paid as or before the respective days appointed for payment thereof respectively, interest will be charged on the same at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum from the day appointed for Payment thereof to the time of actual payment, in accordance with Article No. 21 of the Articles of Association of the Bank.

S. L. DARBY,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 26th September, 1893. [194]

MORE BETTER.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

JUST now my thinkes welly hard
What thing can send to you?
My look-seen picly little card,
Can buy som pins or blaz.

With piece flous bird, or cat,
Who man likes that?

Plenty other thing can buy,
No use my make send;

Who man wathces butifly?

To post to fallen friend?

With smal things to fill a hat,

No man likes that.

More betta catches Githy cards

With photo soft and mellow,

Paged, posse-house, Naval Yard,

An' lines by a Longfellow

His cards have plegin English chit

All' man he likes that.

GRIFFITH'S CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE NOW READY.

BUY THEM AT HER STUDIO,

2, Ice House Road and Duddell Street;

Or from your Bookseller.—

50 per dozen. Get them ready with order.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1893. [195]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—
(a) It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
(b) It provides a Fund for Retirement.
(c) It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
(d) The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARILL & CO.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [197]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & CO.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [198]

NOTICE.
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSUNG FAT,
Secretary,
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 1st September, 1893. [199]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000] EQUAL TO 383,333.33-
RESERVE FUND 338,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1892. [199]

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of November next, the

SHANGHAI BUTCHERY will be prepared to Supply BROWN, LARD in BLADDERS, FRESH and PICKLED ENGLISH PORK, SAUSAGES, &c., &c.

ALSO
BEEF in JOINTS, and CORNED, BLACK PUDDINGS, PORK and GAME PIES,
SAUSAGES, &c., &c.

S. R. GALE,
Shanghai, 13th October, 1893. [196]

WANTED:

A SITUATION by respectable person as USEFUL HELP, or in any position of Trust. Good Needswoman. A Widow. Apply to

Mrs LEWIS,
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office,
Hongkong, 27th October, 1893. [193]

NOTICE.

A ROTARY PRINTING PRESS. Size about 36 by 41 inches, or a trifle larger. Must be in working order.

Apply, stating terms, &c. to

G. W.,
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office,
Hongkong, 14th September, 1893. [192]

NOTICE.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHTING now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1892.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamer.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

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W. BREWER.

JUST RECEIVED

A NEW STOCK of GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS and SHOES in BROWN RUSSIAN and MOROCCO LEATHER.

LADIES' WALKING SHOES in MOROCCO LEATHER.

LADIES' TENNIS SHOES. "The Remshaw."

NEW STOCK BRIAR PIPES, TOBACCO POUCHES, &c.

SPLENDID STOCK of ENGRAVINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS and other PICTURES.

NEW PATENT OPAQUE BANK ENVELOPES.

EXCHANGE TABLES.

2 to 3/- \$1.00

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD

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NOTICE.

THE CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the

centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with

the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites

and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, &c., and heated

to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

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KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

IMPORTERS OF THE CHOICEST BRANDS

OF TOBACCO'S AND CIGARETTES.

IMPORTED TOBACCO'S—Cigars and

Packed at our Shanghai Branch.

PAGODA BRAND—A full-flavoured Tobacco.

—HAPPY THOUGHT—A very old favorite

and a strong tobacco.

DOLLAR BRAND—Full-flavoured 1lb.

Tobacco 1lb. Tins 3/-

DRAGON BRAND—Fine Cut Cigarettes

Tobacco 1lb. Tins 3/-

GOLDEN EAGLE—Medium Strength 1lb.

Tobacco 1lb. Tins 3/-

STAR MIXTURE—Mild. An excellent Pipe

Tobacco 1lb. Tins 3/-

CIGARETTES.

Sweet Cigarettes. Full-Dress Bright Cut.

Odene's Yellow Plush. Wills' Three Candles.

Kennedy's Straight Cut. Other de Rose. Wills'

Finlay.

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Intimations:

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

WHISKIES.

LIQUEUR WHISKY (QUART BOTTLE)
THIS is one of the finest Whiskies ever imported into China. With Aerated Water, or Hot Water and Sugar, it is simply delicious.—\$1 per bottle.

SCOTCH.

F.O.S.—A very fine Blended Scotch Whisky.—\$1 per bottle.

LOCHABER'S Mellow Old Scotch Whisky with fine flavour.—\$9 per dozen.

GLENMURRIE—A Pure Malt Whisky. Excellent value for the money.—\$7 per dozen.

G.I.N.

OLD TOM—A very fine Sweetened Gin, Bottled especially for us.—\$5 per dozen.

KEY BRAND—In small White Glass Bottles. The very best—\$1 per bottle.

CHARTRUSE, C. RA O, D.O.M., &c.

All previous quotations cancelled. The above prices are calculated for a 7½% Dollar.

Hongkong, 25th October 1893.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.

SEASON 1893-94.

THE FIRST SHIPMENTS OF OUR SUPPLIES OF GARDEN SEEDS

for this season have arrived, and we are now prepared to book orders for prompt or forward execution. Complete Catalogues with concise directions for sowing can be obtained on application, or will be posted to any address. In these Catalogues the seeds are marginally numbered in English and Chinese, and when ordering it is quite sufficient to state only the numbers of the kinds required.

Orders from one person, of from \$5.00 to \$10.00, a 10% discount; over \$10.00, an extra 5% per cent.

CLAY'S FERTILISER.

A high class Fertiliser for Pot Plants and for use in the Garden generally; it supplies natural nourishment to the soil and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour, and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lbs. each.....\$1.50

" " 25 "\$4.00

RANSOMES' "NEW PARIS"

LAWNMOWERS.
The best and cheapest machines in the market. Kept in stock and supplied at Manufacturer's price.

FERMINGER'S MANUAL OF GARDENING FOR THE TROPICS.

This work is alike interesting to the student of botany and to the practical gardener, and comprises a large number of plants which for the convenience of reference are arranged in separate groups and are headed with their ordinary and botanical names.

THE CULTIVATION OF FLOWERS, VEGETABLES, FRUIT TREES, &c.

is practically dealt with, and Pruning, Grafting, and Manuring thoroughly explained. Price \$7.50.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
The Hongkong Dispensary.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 4th September, 1893.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1893.

THE NEW REGIME.

This ancient, though, somewhat homely aphorism which affirms the sweeping qualities of new brooms seems just as applicable to Hongkong as to any other place we wot of. This is particularly noticeable in relation to the action of the recently incubated Board of Directors of the Hongkong Hotel. These gentlemen had no sooner tasted of the sweets of power than they looked around for a vent sufficiently large to accommodate the tremendous bulk of reformatory power that they had jointly hatched upon the very eve of their election (or would not *direction* be the more fitting term?) to the Board. A queer medley truly! At that solemn conclave one director whispered in sepulchral tones the suspicion that had been haunting his midnight slumbers for months past—vanishing hours, etc., from the store-room; another balboohed himself of the cheap lines that might be secured in Blood Town brandy, and the saving thereunto attending this; but it was left for the genius of the family that the right and proper mode for them to earn the honour that had been put upon them (*vide* election) as nominees of the almighty "Wayfoong" copper dollar shroffing institution) was to run it on the lines of the immaculate Bank itself, and stop all credit. Fools! Have these men any notion of the changed conditions of affairs in Hongkong and did the unwieldy nature of the local currency weigh with them at all in their deliberation? We doubt it. We have never seen Mr. Ho Tung hobnobbing with Mr. Parrott or any of the other immigrants at the

bars of the Hongkong Club, but it is taken for granted that the Directorate of the Hongkong Hotel is formed of choice ornaments of the various local aristocratic social institutions, else how could they have displayed such crass ignorance as is indicated by their line of policy? That the abolition of the iniquitous chit system, which has been in vogue almost since the first days of Hongkong, would have been a god-send to the community generally had it been grappled with many years ago is, we believe, a solid fact, but to instigate a crusade against it at the present moment is childish folly. If the Directors of the Hongkong Hotel Company are acting in the interests of any particular Temperance Union they have chosen one of the most effective lines of action that even a lengthened experience in the business could have suggested. But have the shareholders sanctioned this policy? We doubt it. And having absolute grounds for these doubts we ask what do the shareholders propose to do? To sit quietly down and witness the ruination of a business which were it given anything like a fair chance, would be a veritable goldmine? This is a matter which affects the shareholders only; that which does affect the public, and consequently the *Telegraph*, is the inconvenience that is bound to follow the introduction of this recently hatched fad. We have it only on second hand authority but we believe that the judgment of the manager and of other experienced employees of the Company went for nothing; experience led them to believe that what was required was proper supervision of the daily "chits" and not total suspension of credit. But of what value is matured experience in the sight of our indiated new-broom-like Directors? None at all. Fees must be earned by action—the action what it may.

We have purposely refrained from taking cognizance of the other hotels that have followed, like lost ducks in a thunder-storm, the example of the leading hostelry. They do not count—their proprietors alone are responsible for the action and are responsible to no one but their bankers. The Hongkong Hotel has already been designated a first-class morgue—what will be when the chit system is stopped? One dead house is more than enough for Hongkong; two would tempt the ordinary sinner to suicide. Seriously speaking, this innovation has been singularly ill-advised and is altogether uncalled for. Absolute and unfeasted management is what the Hotel requires and what it must have.

TELEGRAMS.

INDIAN FINANCE.

LONDON, October 26th.

Tenders have been invited by the Treasury for two millions sterling in six months Indian bills, payable in London in sterling.

REUTERISH.

There is no truth in the report that there was a bitch in the Anglo-French negotiations at Paris; they are proceeding quite satisfactorily.

LOSS OF THE "CITY OF NEW YORK."

Yesterday afternoon a telegram was received here from San Francisco by Mr. W. H. Ray, manager of the China Traders Insurance Co., Hongkong, stating that the Pacific Mail Company's steamer *City of New York* was stranded, and was not expected to be got off again; but that the treasure on board was safe.

Nothing was known of the accident by the local manager of the P.M.C.S. Co. Mr. Van Buren, up to noon to-day.

The *City of New York* was timed to leave San Francisco on the 26th Oct. for Japan and Hongkong, so that at the time of the disaster she would probably be near the "Golden Gate," the entrance to the bay of San Francisco. Fogs are frequent in that locality at this time of the year, and there are numerous sandbanks about the "Gate."

From the fact that that treasure (which, of course, is an item that materially affects the insurance companies) was saved, it may reasonably be inferred that no less ill-fate occurred.

According to "Lloyd's Register," the *City of New York* is a single-screw iron steamer of 3,020 tons, built in 1873, by J. Roach and Sons, of Chester, Pennsylvania, for the Pacific Mail Co. She had been on this run some years ago and after being transferred to the Panama route was again sent out here this year, under command of Capt. F. H. Johnston.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

DAWSON'S Whisky.

CHEEK is the appropriate name of a dentist at Bangkok.

DAWSON'S Whisky has obtained gold medals wherever exhibited.

HANNIBAL was the first and only general who crossed the Alps until the days of Napoleon.

An Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

FOX being drunk and disorderly, and assaulting the police and others with a knuckle-duster, in a Chinese barber's shop in La-Car Row yesterday, a sailor named Davies was fined \$16, or five days, by Capt. Hastings in the police court to-day.

WHEN "Jumbo," the celebrated pet of the London Zoological Gardens was dissected, a pint and a half of gold, silver, copper, and bronze coins was found in his stomach. In the lot were coins of three kingdoms, two republics, five dukedoms, two principalities, and one dependency. No wonder poor "Jumbo" filled a premature grave! Where was the "penny in the slot" machine?

STRANGE as it may seem the last census shows that the number of Scottish people south of the Tweed is, relatively to the population, nowhere besides the number of English people north thereof. In fact, the number of Scottish people south of the Tweed is 287,747; and the number of English people north of the Tweed is 311,072.

In other words, while 2.6 per cent. of the population of Scotland is English, rather less than 2 per cent. of the population of England is Scottish. Moreover, the number of Englishmen and Irishmen in Scotland is almost as great, not only relatively but absolutely, as the number of Scotsmen in England and Ireland.

DAWSON'S Whisky will be "Old & the like o' life vicarious."

At Rawalpindi, last month, a native artilleryman attacked his sieving comrade with a sword, & killed ten before being shot dead by the guard.

The Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels hoisting code portent C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

"BROWNE," dear, do sack your interpreter next time he gets drunk, and we will lend you Wilhelmus Capricornus for a bit. No amount of juggling with a Tonkin telegram can make "Kusse" stand for China.

Mrs. Fanslawn, eldest engineer of the China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Whampoa*, has been appointed chief of the *Chingtao*; and Mr. J. Mitchell, chief of the *Chingtao*, goes into the *Whampoa* in the same capacity.

On the body of a notorious brigand recently killed in Turkey was found £4,000, and a note-book which showed he had murdered 160 men; still he was not half so obnoxious a member of his community as is "Brownie" of this.

One of the signs of Britain's decay:—What can be shipped from Wisconsin, 1,500 miles from New York, to Liverpool, which is 3,000 miles from New York, for a shilling bushel. English farmers cannot send wheat to London for the same price.

At the Magistracy to-day, before Mr. Hartings, two Chinese were convicted of preparing opium at Rosario Street, yesterday, and of being in possession of a quantity of unlawful prepared opium. The principal man was fined \$75 and his assistant \$25—both paid.

The steamer *Riversdale*, with 2,500 tons of coal, left Hongay on the 16th October for Chinkiang, where (according to the *Courier*) the Société Fr. nég. des Charbonnages du Tonkin has acquired a market for its product. The *Edendale* is also to be chartered to run between Hongay and Hongkong.

Not much more than a month ago a Glasgow school-master was going over a chapter in the New Testament with his class, when he came to the words, "and healed divers diseases." "Now," he said, "can any of you tell me what is meant by 'diverse diseases'?" A smart urchin took him suddenly aback by piping out, "Water in the head, sir." Only Scotchmen are expected to smile at this.

A curious phenomenon has been discovered near Eddy, New Mexico. In Dark Canyon, about three miles from Eddy, a number of tunnels were run in order to tap streams of water to supply for the waterworks. The water was found running in small natural pipes, made by the deposit of lime from the water. The whole space cut by the tunnels was found to be perforated by these lime pipes.

A PARA, to be passed by members of the Institute of Marine Engineers. Class distinction was surely never more clearly marked out than by the young girl who on being asked by a shopman the other day if the ladies she wanted were for a lady or gentleman replied—"A gentleman I know; they're for my brother." "Well, he'll require gentlemen's lace," explained the amused shopman. "Him a gentleman," returned the young fan, "he's only an engineer!"

A GOOD story is in circulation in regard to the preliminary examination held at St. Louis last month of candidates applying for membership of the Society of Referees. A reverend gentleman, who is well known in football circles, was cross-questioning a candidate who hailed from a colliery district. The parson said, "Supposing you were referee in a match in which a kick at goal was being taken, and the ball happened to drop on the crossbar and lodge there, what would you do?" The reply was prompt and unexpected. The budding referee said, "I should call it a 'bally miracle.'" Locally it is generally hoped that this gentleman has passed with honours.

THE development of Tonkin is going on at a magnificent pace. According to the *Courier*, "All Europeans in Bac-la-Ville were notified by the military authorities on the 19th October that extreme caution must be exercised in every adventure, every day and each as remarkable in character as to deserve recording. There are other skippers in San-Jord, able seamen who can spin a blood-curdling yarn or draw the nautical longbow in masterly fashion, but they cannot hold a candle to Uncle Jim. For this reason a few envious rivals have dubbed him 'Uncle Jim Hamilton,' but to all the rest of the community he is known as 'Truthful-James.' That he deserves the sobriquet is borne out by the fact that he is willing to make any number of affidavits as to the truth of each and all of his tales."

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She had been on this run some years ago and after being transferred to the Panama route was again sent out here this year, under command of Capt. F. H. Johnston.

WALL, it was said, in 1880 sometime that a coffee-steamer were lost off Mazatlan. The lives were saved, but the cargo, some 5,000 bags, went to the bottom. I dropped along two weeks afterwards, and got becalmed about ten miles from the place of the wreck. It was hot as the hinges of—, the glass standing 125° in the shade. We lay there five days without a breath of air, and fanned ourselves fishing. On the last day we pulled up a ground shark 39 feet long and cut him open. By God, all he had inside him was coffee, good Mexican coffee, about three hundred weight, and the funniest thing of all was that every grain was roasted a right good handsome brown."

It is little wonder that sharks exert a strong fascination upon the veracious Captain, so many and so marvellous are the parts they have played in his adventures. "Speaking of them are critters," he says, "they eat everything hollow. Thirty years ago, near the Alcantara, we caught a busto and thought we'd have some fun with him. We hoisted him on deck and after a hard fight managed to fasten him down quite securely. Then we cut him open from his tail to his head. He must have been pretty hungry, as his stomach was as empty as a San Francisco hoodlum's. We set to work and to cut his heart, liver, stomach, and all his end-rails and threw them overboard. That done we cracked him over afterwards. He struck the water and seemed dead at first. Then he started and swam round the ship as if nothing had happened. Elsieby he saw his innards floating about, and quickened a fish he went for 'em and swallowed 'em. We nigh bust a laughing, as they come out as quick as they went in." Five minutes later, he saw 'em again and did an encore. That was about noon. At five the wild spring up and we left, and the last we saw of that queer devil he was still swimming his innards as lively as a young duck in an April shower!"

Sometimes "Harrow-Jim," as he was styled, would tell the truth, "he observes," but now and then when I met a tarnation fool, I have to give him a ghost story. One day a dood—ran across me and axed all sorts of questions about salt water. He had never been on the sea, and he was too bright for salt to fit of any size. He wanted to

know about baby-whales, when they were hatched and how they were spawned. So I told him that once a year the cow climbed on ice-berg and made a nest in which she laid a dozen eggs, about as big as bushel-baskets; and that the shells were so constituted that when the young ones were hatched they could swim. The dood thanked me for the information, and said he'd never forget it. I guess he didn't, but told it to some fellow who wouldn't pull his leg as I did. Anyway I let him a week afterwards and was going to give him some more fairy tales, when he said, "No, you don't, you're lying old devil," and ran away as hard as he could."

Another year that would bring the blushing of Bangpa-in, prayers were offered up yesterday (as is usual when the Siamese buy any fete), and to-morrow morning the ladies of the Palace will go and offer presents to the priests. Formerly it was the custom for the ladies to carry the presents in baskets, like the market women, but this year it will be differently arranged—they are to present pumpkins, carved in cups, and filled with rice (yuk-ko), which is the seed of young rice boiled with sugar. These cups are ordered to be made by the Prince and chief nobility—one each. The men who can cut them are in great request, being paid up to 8 taels each a day.

The Court is already preparing to return to Bangkok, and it is expected that all will be ready by the 1st November. According to present arrangements the *cortejo* will be a great procession, on the first day, in which his Majesty clad in white robes will take part, together with all the princes and nobles, in Court dresses. A number of ladies will receive the decoration of Chalabangkhor Kiao—an order bestowed reserved to noblemen. Other decorations of course will be given.

A few days ago a Siamese priest went to a pawnshop in Sau-ching-cha and stood in the doorway for a long time. The pawnbroker addressed him, thinking he wanted to pawn something, whereupon the barge began blackguarding him, and dancing frantically in the road. On a complaint being made to the Chief Priest of the *wat* (Mabat) the man was tied up and otherwise punished, by being made to carry several hundred buckets of sand, and sweep the whole war.

One of the most interesting sights along the New Road is the police station at the top of the Custom House Lane, with Inspector Sheriff holding court somewhat in the manner of the *cortejo*. If the *cortejo* be interesting, it is still more instructive to witness the impartial proceedings of the respected Inspector as he holds forth, first for one side and then for the other, capping the functions of judge, advocate, jury, plaintiff and defendant, with admirable tact, perspicacity and insight into native habits and peculiarities. Mr. Sheriff holding Court is an interesting a function as one could desire to attend, and what appears very satisfactory, he generally succeeds in pleasing both sides, not to speak of the variable or critical to the men under his orders. There was such a Court on Tuesday last, when two ruffians from Japan became entangled in a dispute about refreshments. Mr. Sheriff,

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their clothing and yet permit them to retain the flowing skirt.
The reform must come, if it come at all, as all changes in female fashions do, in a mysterious and inexplicable way. We know when the change is to come, but what was its origin or its predisposing cause no one can tell. Of one thing, however, we may be reasonably certain and that is, that all women in the civilized world once adopt short skirts for outdoor wear they will never revert to long ones.

PUGILISM.

A French painter traces the art of writing to the attempt of primitive nations to represent objects by means of rude pictures, but the origin of pugilism was never wholly eclipsed. In Japan, Ireland, Japan, North China, and many parts of Northern Hindostan the popularity of pugilism was never wholly eclipsed. In Japan, all professional wrestlers are boys as well, and in the villages of the Rohilla highlanders boxing matches form a favorite after-dinner amusement. Father Hu, of Thibet mission fame, witnessed these sports every fine evening for weeks together, and confesses that, barring the biting, he could see nothing objectionable in such trials of strength. After stepping back some ten or twelve yards the combatants would rush together, trying to upset or repulse one another, and then step back again for a breathing spell. Victory depended on the chance of pushing the adversary beyond a certain line, and the blows of the fighters were directed chiefly at the breast and shoulders. The British taboo of pugilism was broken by the Sayens-Heenan match, and international rivalry seems to have stimulated a revival of athletic sports all over Europe and North America.—*S. F. Chronicle.*

THE OLD MAID.

THAT IS TO SAY, A WOMAN WHO IS UNMARRIED.

Do you see the lady?
I do see the lady.
Who is she?
She is Miss Somebody-other.
Why not Miss?
Because she has no Mr. attachment.
You mean she has no husband?
I mean she is unmarried; which is somewhat more comprehensive.
She is independent of men, then?
As independent as women ever are.
Aren't they all so?
They want to be ; or they say they do.
Don't women always say what they mean?
Not always.

How is it in this instance?
This one is rich, and a rich unmarried woman can say and do what she pleases, regardless of the men, to a great extent.
She could marry if she so desired?
Oh yes, money is quite attractive to most men seeking wives.

Can't a poor woman marry if she wants to?
The woman doesn't live, I fancy, who has not had a proposal of marriage some time in her life.

Then why doesn't she marry?
A woman doesn't marry for the mere sake of marrying, as a rule.

As an exception, does she?
There are some exceptions.

Why?
Because some unmarried women, or their parents or guardians have an idea that it is not the proper thing to become an old maid.

An old maid?

What is an old maid?

This unmarried woman is.

All unmarried women?

Yes, after a certain age : that is to say, people give them that name.

What age?

No definite figure has been fixed.

How old is this one?

Ask her.

Would she tell?

There's nothing wrong in one's age, is there?

Not in a man.

Is there in a woman's?

There must be, for they don't like to have it referred to in a mixed crowd.

Their experience age, don't they?

Not unless they marry.

Then why marry, if they have eternal youth unmarred?

I give it up.

Is an old maid a more desirable quantity in the human economy than an old bachelor?

It isn't, more or less.

Why?

Because an old maid is handy to have around the house.

In what way?

She's a woman.

But she has neither husband nor children?

That makes no difference.

Why doesn't it?

Because, having no special claim on anybody, everybody claims her as a present help in every kind of trouble.

Does she recognize the claim?

Ninety-nine times in a hundred.

How do you know?

I've seen families, father, mother, and children, dominated, consolidated, and regulated by the benign influence of an old maid.

How does she effect it?

Then she ought to make a good wife!

Not necessarily, she is the missing link that the family needs.

Is the old bachelor any good in that line?

Once in a million times, by accident.

Aren't some old maids sour and ugly?

Yes, just as some wives are.

Then it isn't because they are old maids?

Not as a rule.

Doesn't the Bible say it is better to marry?

Yes, but "marry" in that instance doesn't mean the legal association of a man and a woman,

What does it mean?

It means marriage of heart and soul and mind and perfect union.

Then the woman does right in not marrying merely because other people think she ought?

She does indeed.

The old maid may be happy then?

Or else.

But what of the ties of love and family and all that we hear about among the married?

She doesn't have them.

But she shouldn't be?

Not more than hundreds of other things she thinks she'd like to have and doesn't, and still she gets along very comfortably and contentedly without them.

Doesn't her nature cry for it?

Not so much in practice as in theory.

Do old maids like men?

The right kind do.

Those who are cheerful and companionable.

The son ones don't, do they?

No, not really, I suppose.

Why is this?

They were born that way.

They wouldn't have been pleasant wives and mothers then, if they had married?

All the chances are they would not.

Doesn't disappointment in love sour one?

It does sometimes, but it should not.

How can she prevent it?

If the disappointment is the result of a man's duplicity she should be thankful that one disappointment has freed her from a whole life of it, and if it is the result of a visitation of Providence she should accept her sorrow resignedly and let time do the rest.

Can a woman do this?

Millions have done it.

And have they been happy?

They have lived many years and have been a joy and comfort to all who have known them.

Disappointment in love is not, then, the worst thing that can happen to a woman.

Not by a great deal. If she knows how to handle it properly.

Do men like old maids?

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Silly young men don't.
What men do?
Sensible men.
Why don't they marry them then?
Some do, and some would be glad to, but the old maids are content to let well enough alone.
Does an old maid run more risk in marrying than a young one does?

She is more likely to get a better man than the young one is, but she is less adaptable;

and even the best man may prove disagreeable to her, except under favorable circumstances.

Why?

She has been free too long.

How do you mean?

She has had only one person's wishes to consult.

When a woman marries and tries to conduct her married life simply by consulting her own wishes, she stands a chance of butting her head against several stone walls.

Isn't the life of an old maid very lonely?

Not if she tries to make it otherwise.

How can she?

By keeping on the sunny side and letting the roses bloom in her heart and the blue sky show in her face.

Won't wrinkles cast shadows after a while?

Never.

Why not?

Because the wrinkles are human and the sun-shine is divine.

You would make her the subject of a poem, would you?

She is a poem.

Sentimental or otherwise?

Mostly, otherwise ; one of those poems you happen on in newspapers unexpectedly, and cut out for future reference.

But if every man thought thus, would there be any old maids?

It takes two to make a bargain.

You think the most old maids do not really care to marry?

That's about the size of it.

They are not so nice when they want to marry as they?

A man needs an accident policy when that kind comes around.

Why does that make such a difference?

It's against Sc future.

How?

The Scripture says, "Thou shalt not covet,"

or words to that effect.

The nice old maid is the flower of the flock ?

She's a daisy.—*New York Sun.*

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To-day's Advertisements.

S. T. JOHN LODGE
OF HONGKONG,
No. 618, S.C.

A NEMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 28th instant, at 8.30 or 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brothers are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 28th October, 1893.

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Apply to MR. JOSE BUSTELO,

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Hongkong, 28th October, 1893.

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ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 525.

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Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893.

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Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$192 per share, sellers.
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HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. G. & C. B. Balfour.)
Today. Yesterday.
Barometer—24.2. 24.1.
Barometer—1 p.m. 24.0.
Thermometer—1 p.m. 71.
Thermometer—4 p.m. 71.
Thermometer—7 p.m. 70.
Thermometer—10 p.m. 68.
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27th October, 1893—At 4 p.m.

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